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PRESS RELEASE

"U.S. EMBASSY, DHAKA PROVIDES ANTITERRORISM ASSISTANCE TRAINING ON POLICE LEADER'S ROLE IN COMBATING TERRORISM"

MAY 16, DHAKA - The U.S. Government, through the U.S. Department of State's Antiterrorism Assistance (ATA) Program and the U.S. Embassy's Regional Security Office, concluded a ten-day training program focusing on Police Leader's Role in Combating Terrorism on Thursday, May 16, 2013.

The training, offered by the Department of State's Bureau of Diplomatic Security and taught by U.S. instructors, took place at the Police Staff College in Dhaka.

U.S. Ambassador Dan Mozena, Inspector General of Police Hassan Mahmood Khandker, Rector of Police Staff College Md. Nazmul Haque, and U.S. Embassy Regional Security Officer of U.S. Embassy Dhaka Jason Williams met the graduates to congratulate them.

When asked about the benefits and purpose of the training, U.S. Ambassador Dan Mozena said, "The Antiterrorism Assistance Program courses are just one of many avenues we can use to fight terrorism together and protect the interests of Bangladesh, the United States and the entire region. More than thousands of Bangladesh Police and officials from other security agencies and different Ministries and Directorates have been trained by ATA since 2000 with the assistance of \$22 million in various specialized areas. The Police Leader's Role in Combating Terrorism training course will enable police managers to devise innovative strategies and employ state-of-the-art techniques specifically designed to improve their country's ability to combat terrorism. Law Enforcement should be more organized and sound in technology to defeat the terrorist. Bangladesh is developing a capacity to create a whole of government response to increase the effectiveness in fighting terrorism......"

Regional Security Officer Jason Williams also expressed that "......ATA graduates should utilize and apply their training knowledge in operations and share what they have learned with their colleagues."

The U.S. Embassy, in partnership with the Government of Bangladesh, plans to offer the Antiterrorism Assistance training program several more times this year.

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